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PARAMARIBO, 27th July 1949.
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AIRMAIL Returned notes - 8/8/49

The American Bank Note Company,
70 Broad Street,
New York.

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Dear Sirs,

We herewith beg to enclose:

./. 1 banknote @ / 10.- No.241117 dated 1st June 1942
and 1 " " " 10.- without number and date, which was paid in by one of our clients.

Whilst sending his suit to the laundry this note was inadvertently left in one of the pockets. In similar cases notes of a faded colour have been presented to us, but always the two signatures, numbers and dates were clearly distinguishable. The faded note moreover differs in length from the genuine one.

With a view to the fact that of late an inhabitant of Cayenne, French Guiana, was caught in counterfeiting Surinam banknotes, we should esteem it a favour if you would let us know whether you consider the subject note a falsification.

Thanking you for your kind co-operation we remain,

Yours very truly,

DE SURINAAMSCHE BANK,

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August 1, 1949

Mr. A. A. Wittnebel, Vice President
Bronx Plant

Re: De Surinaamsche Bank - Mutilated 10 Gulden Note

We have today received the following letter from the above under date of July 27th, with the two notes referred to therein:

"We beg to enclose:

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"Thanking you for your kind co-operation we remain,

Yours very truly,
DE SURINAAMSCHE BANK"

I am enclosing herewith the two notes and shall appreciate your early advice so that we may promptly inform the Bank as to our findings.

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President

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August 1, 1949

De Surinaamsche Bank, N.V.
Paramaribo, Surinaam

Dear Sirs:

We have yours of July 27th with enclosures 2 Ten Gulden notes therein referred to. Immediately upon receipt of report from our Laboratory, we will advise you in the premises.

Yours very truly,

President

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De Surinaamsche Bank, N.V.
Paramaribo, Surinaam

Gentlemen:

Referring to yours of July 27th enclosing two (2) 10 Gulden notes for our examination, which we are returning herewith, we are pleased to advise that our laboratory tests of the mutilated note indicate that it is genuine and has been subjected to the action of a strong alkaline solution or soap such as would be used by commercial laundries. The note still contains some alkaline residue.

Whereas all of the printing inks have been decolorized, it is possible under a strong ultraviolet ray light to identify the fact that the note was originally numbered 242635, although it is not possible to read the date imprint.

Paper tests indicate that it is of the type used in the notes we have printed for you and some of the planchettes are still identifiable.

The slight difference in the dimensions of the note is the result of immersion into a liquid and subsequent forced drying, possibly under a high temperature.

All of the foregoing would seem to verify the statement of the person who presented the note.

We trust that the foregoing will give you the information you desire and hope you will never fail to call upon us for any service we may be able to render.

Yours very truly,

WP

2 encl. (with original only)

President

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